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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Linda Broyles R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Members Present

Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Workman, R.N., Debbie – Paramedic Training Agency

Attendees

Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Innis, Steve – First Choice Ambulance
Pierce, Jodie – San Diego Fire
Rod, Rick – San Diego City EMS

County Staff

Amang, Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

Border Health
California Children Services
Community Epidemiology
Emergency & Disaster Medical Services
HIV, STD and Hepatitis
Immunization
MAA/TCM Program
Maternal, Child and Family Health Services
Public Health Laboratory
Public Health Nursing
Tuberculosis Control & Refugee Health
Vital Records

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, Chair of the EMCC full committee, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am in the absence of the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair and Vice-Chair. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

There was an improvement with off-load delays. Hospitals and prehospital agencies are working together and tracking delays to improve off-load issues.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

A. S-836, Critical Care Transport Unit Inventory

Quantitative End Tidal CO2 was added under *Airway Adjuncts*.

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve S-836 changes and forward to the full Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC). Motion carried.

B. P-303, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse - Authorization/Reauthorization

1. Clarification of the authorization period as an MICN.
2. The Subcommittee discussed out-of-county MICN applicants, taking classes and instruction on the San Diego County Policies, Procedures and Protocols. Out-of-county MICN applicants will go through field operation skills and be affiliated with a base.

Wording clarification will be made regarding instruction related to out-of-county MICN's role and training courses. P-303 will be brought back to the subcommittee to review before forwarding the policy to the full EMCC.

C. S-402, Prehospital Determination of Death

1. Procedure:
 - When a patient is determined to be 'obviously dead', "no basic or advanced life support shall be initiated or continued"
 - EMT description of victim's condition on the Prehospital Patient Record is to clearly state the reason life support measures were not initiated or continued.
2. Added Aeromedical Considerations Critical Care Transport requirements from Policy A-406, Determination of Death.

Wording will be changed and confirmed by the subcommittee before forwarding to the full EMCC.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- A.** Carlsbad Fire and City of San Diego have submitted letters of intent to participate in the Community Paramedicine pilot projects.
- B.** Flu shots are recommended. Hospital personnel and those entering hospital patient care areas should have a flu shot or wear a mask.
- C.** Reach Air is now the County's second Air Ambulance provider. Calls will go through the designated air ambulance dispatch center, American Medical Response (AMR).
- D.** The Imperial County prehospital employee union strike is over. Replacement workers have been hired.
- E.** EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed the article in the Wall Street Journal regarding Left Ventricular Assisted Device (LVAD) and placing an LVAD device in a patient in anticipation of a transplant. Discussion ensued on information regarding CPR instruction and performing CPR on an LVAD patient.
- F.** Diane Ameng was introduced as the new QA Specialist with County EMS Prehospital.
- G.** Debbie Workman posed a simulation question regarding a patient with flu symptoms and bronchial problems. Subcommittee members discussed patient history and method of treatment.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING /ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Submitted by

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